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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case 73 - 3348

August 11, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY

OF

Gregory Malley Winkle  
402 West 27th Street  
Houston, Texas

Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent, Gregory Malley Winkle, came to his death as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation - Homicide.

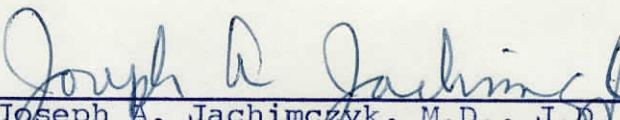
It is our further opinion that the time of death was on or about May 29, 1971.

COMMENT: Initially, the clothing which Mr. Everett Waldrop positively identified as belonging to his sons, Donald Wayne and Jerry Lynn, were submitted with the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10. The amalgam filling in tooth number 30 matched the description furnished by him for Donald and since the other skeletal criteria also were consistent with the size and age of his two sons, the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10 were released to him and interred in Georgia.

Subsequently, during the continuing process of identification of other victims, the antemortem X-rays submitted

by Dr. Robert H. Shame were compared to the postmortem radiographs of the jaws of Unknowns #9 and #13. It was then determined that the skeletal remains of Unknown #9 were actually those of David William Hilligiest and Unknown #10 were those of Gregory Malley Winkle, Unknown #13 were those of Donald Wayne Waldrop, and Unknown #14 were those of Jerry Lynn Waldrop.

On September 7, 1973, the appropriate parties were informed of the misidentification. The necessary steps were initiated to exchange the respective skeletal remains. This was accomplished during the week of September 17, 1973.

  
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Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

(See Cases 73-3332, 73-3333, 73-3334, 73-3335, 73-3336, 73-3337, 73-3338, 73-3339, 73-3347, 73-3349, 73-3350, 73-3353, 73-3354, 73-3355, 73-3356 and 73-3357)

## POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

Gregory Malley Winkle  
402 West 27th Street  
Houston, Texas

**HISTORY:** The skeletal remains were discovered among seventeen bodies at 4500 Silverbell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas, between 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 1973, and 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973. These skeletal remains were found together with Unknown #9, in the center of Stall #11, at approximately 1:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973.

**AUTOPSY:** The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on August 11, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

**EXTERNAL APPEARANCE:** The specimen consisted of skeletal remnants and clothing remnants submitted in a crashbag. There was a pair of flowered print multicolored cotton bathing trunks, white or light cotton walking trunks with a cord drawstring, a pair of torn jockey shorts, one blue cotton stretch sock, similar to the one seen in Unknown #9, one white cotton sock, a pair of blue stove pipe trousers with a brown belt with a two prong buckle, another pair of bell bottom green, blue and red trousers, belt loops, but no belt, and brown boots with a buckle across the top and zippered on the side with a high heel. In the right boot were the figures "10-2-M". There were two fragments of a belt. There was also a short sleeved striped cotton shirt with a button down collar with a disintegrated label on the inside. There was also a short sleeved gold sport shirt, "TOWNCRAFT, J.C. PENNEY'S, SMALL, SIZE 15". There was another large brass belt buckle with two prongs to which there was an attached small segment of belt. There were two white socks. The label on the other shirt was "PERMANENT PRESS, NO IRONING NECESSARY". This was found among some of the debris. There was a recognizable skull with some hair attached. There was a varying number of bones with amorphous soft attached material. There was a gag in the mouth area. The hair was dark brown and measured up to 6 inches in length. Around the neck, there was a string of nylon cord with several nylon strands. Under the gag, there was a loose tooth. There was a gag present around the loose mandible which was in the vicinity of the maxilla. There was also an empty plastic card case recovered. At the 1st and 2nd cervical vertebrae, there was amorphous soft material within which there were multiple tiny bony chips, including

two fractured portions of the hyoid bone. The skull was that of a young male. There was deteriorating recognizable skin of a left hand. In addition to the skull and mandible, the following bones were also present. There were two scapulae. The left scapula was almost completely broken in two. There was a small crack in the right scapula at its wing. There was a total of twelve vertebrae. There was a total of twenty-seven foot bones. There was a total of eighteen ribs. The right humerus measured 12 inches; the left 13 inches. There was separation of the epiphyseal joint of the head of the right humerus. The left ulna measured 10.5 inches in length and the radius measured 9-1/2 inches. The left tibia measured 14-1/2 inches in length. The right measured 14 inches. There was epiphyseal separation of the right tibia and femur. The lower epiphysis of the left femur was present. Neither femur was present. The fibulas each measured 13.5 inches. There was a single patella, 1-3/4 inches in diameter. There was a piece of sternum, measuring 2.5 inches in length. There were two clavicles present, each measured 5.5 inches in length. Surrounding the neck area, there was a noose formed of nylon cord.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

Utilizing the Universal System, all third molars are in their crypts. Tooth 6 and 11 has mesial labial rotation, which is very prominent. Tooth 25 is crowded out to the labial. Tooth 29 is crowded to the lingual. The lower anterior teeth are crowded. There is an occlusal carious lesion in the upper left first molar, tooth 14.



Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

On September 9, 1973, Mrs. Winkle came to the Harris County Morgue. In the presence of Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., and Assistant District Attorney Don Lambright, Mrs. Winkle was shown photographs of the unusual anterior dentition of her son. These were similar to a large color photograph that she had brought in. She looked at both photographs and stated that they were the remains of her son, Gregory Malley Winkle.



Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.

1. PLACE OF DEATH				2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before adm.)			
a. COUNTY <b>HARRIS</b>		b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Houston</b>		a. STATE <b>TEXAS</b>		b. COUNTY <b>HARRIS</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>4500 Silverbell, Stall #11</b>				d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>407 West 26th</b>			
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)			4. DATE OF DEATH				
(a) First <b>GREGORY</b>	(b) Middle <b>MALLEY</b>		(c) Last <b>WINKLE</b>		<b>Found August 9, 1973</b>		
5. SEX <b>Male</b>		6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>		7. Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>		8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>Jan. 24, 1955</b>	
9. AGE (In years last birthday)		IF UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days		IF UNDER 24 HRS. Hours Minutes			
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Student</b>				10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>California</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Harold Winkle</b>				12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>			
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) <b>No</b> (If yes, give war or dates of service)				16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		17. INFORMANT	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Asphyxia due to strangulation.</b> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) DUE TO (c)							INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)							19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/>		SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>		HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) <b>Strangled.</b>	
20c. TIME OF INJURY <b>UNK</b>		Hour <b>8</b> Month <b>9</b> Day <b>73</b> Year a.m. p.m.					
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20e. PLACE OF INJURY (about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>found #11 4500 Silverbell, Stall/</b>		20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Houston</b>		COUNTY <b>Harris</b> STATE <b>Texas</b>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>found</b> to _____, 19____ and last saw the deceased alive on <b>from autopsy findings</b> 19____. Death occurred at <b>8-9-73</b> m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.							
22a. SIGNATURE <b>Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D.</b>				22b. ADDRESS <b>209 Courthouse Houston, Texas</b>		22c. DATE SIGNED <b>9-12-73</b>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>Burial</b>				23b. DATE <b>Sept. 14, 1973</b>		23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Woodlawn Garden of Memories</b>	
23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <b>Houston</b>				23e. (State) <b>Texas</b>		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>HEIGHTS FUNERAL HOME</b>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO.		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR		25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE			

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

VS-112, REV. 1/58

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THE STATE OF TEXAS    X  
                                  X  
COUNTY OF HARRIS    X

I, the affiant, do duly swear I am the mother and only surviving parent of the deceased Gregory Malley Winkle, and do hereby authorize Mr. Charles Phillips, Funeral Director in Alpharetta, Georgia, to release the remains of my son to Mr. James L. Turner, Investigator for the Medical Examiner and a licensed funeral director in Houston, Harris County, Texas, in order to remove said remains of my son, Gregory Malley Winkle, from the Louis Jones Funeral Home, 511 North Main Street, Alpharetta, Georgia, and to return the remains forthwith to the Harris County Morgue in Houston, Texas.

*Selma G. Winkle*  
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407 West 26th Street  
Houston, Texas 77008

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of September 1973

*Evelyn Kessel*  
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Notary Public for Harris County,  
Texas

Witnessed By:

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My Commission Expires June 1, 1975